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Taiwan

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays under than 90 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

chief of mission: the US does not have an embassy in Taiwan; commercial and cultural relations with the people of Taiwan are maintained through an unofficial instrumentality, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), a private nonprofit corporation that performs citizen and consular services similar to those at diplomatic posts; it is managed by Director William Brent CHRISTENSEN (since 11 August 2018); telephone [886] 7-335-5006; FAX [886] 7-338-0551; American Institute in Taiwan, Tel: (+886) (02) 2162-2000; No. 100, Jinhu Road, Neihs District 11461, Taipei City, Taiwan

Vaccinations

Taiwan's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends travelers to Taiwan be vaccinated against Hepatitis A. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; marine; rainy season during southwest monsoon (June to August); persistent and extensive cloudiness all year

Currency (Code)

New Taiwan dollars (TWD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages

Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese (Min Nan), Hakka dialects, approximately 16 indigenous languages

Religions

Buddhist 35.3%, Taoist 33.2%, Christian 3.9%, folk (includes Confucian) approximately 10%, none or unspecified 18.2%%

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Taipei (includes Taipei 101, Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Longshan Temple, National Palace Museum, Shilin Night Market); Yangmingshan National Park; Chimei Museum; Kenting Street; Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum
Cultural Practices	Giving scissors, knives, or other cutting utensils as a gift traditionally indicates that you want to sever a relationship.
Tipping Guidelines	A service charge of 10-15% is typically added in restaurants. Taxis do not require a tip.
Telephone Code	886
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 119; Fire: 119; Police: 110

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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